

REMARKS

As shown above, claim 1 has been amended, and claims 38-58 have been added. Support for the amended and added claims can be found on at least pages 10, 13, 17, and 61 of the specification as filed, and accordingly no new matter has been introduced. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the recited polypeptide and conform the language to that of the definition provided on page 13, lines 6-17, as well as on page 17, lines 17-23. Because the language merely recites that already provided in the definition, the amendment is not intended, nor should be interpreted to be, a narrowing of the scope of the claim. A "clean" version of the now pending claims 1-14, 29, 34, 35, and 38-58 is shown above. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, the undersigned also wishes to advise the Examiner that Applicants' co-pending application serial no. 08/918,874 being handled by Examiner Ulm (mentioned above) has been abandoned and that now pending continuation application serial no. 09/548,815 was filed thereon on April 13, 2000.

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50. The nucleic acid of claim 49 wherein said encoded RTD polypeptide has at least about 95% amino acid sequence identity with the RTD polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1 to 386 of Fig. 1A (SEQ ID NO:1).

51. The nucleic acid of claim 40 wherein said nucleotide sequence comprises the nucleotide coding region shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

52. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 41.

53. The vector of claim 52 operably linked to control sequences recognized by a host cell transformed with the vector.

54. A host cell comprising the vector of claim 52.

55. The host cell of claim 54 which comprises a CHO cell.

56. The host cell of claim 54 which comprises a yeast cell.

57. The host cell of claim 54 which comprises *E. coli*.

58. A process of using a nucleic acid molecule encoding RTD polypeptide to effect production of RTD polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 54.

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